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McGovern Asks Inquiry On Hoover

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Sen. George S. McGovern (D-S.D.) said yesterday that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who begins his 47th year in office today, had violated the Constitution in seeking to discredit a TWA pilot who criticized the FBI's handling of a hijacking case.

McGovern, the only announced candidate for President in 1972, said he had sent documentary evidence of Hoover's alleged illegal actions to Chairman Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) of the Senate Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, whom he asked to conduct a congressional investigation.

McGovern said last month that Hoover had written Charles C. Tillinghast Jr., chairman of the board of TWA, to complain about the pilot, Donald C. Cook Jr.